**French Revolution Song**

**Source:** [***http://www.history.com/topics/french-revolution***](http://www.history.com/topics/french-revolution)

The king of France was absolute

People all were destitute

The year was 17 and 89

Churches paid no income tax

Neither did aristocrats

And wars were costing money all the time

But Enlightenment ideas

Had entered people’s ears

Like liberty, equality and brotherhood

People starving broke under Feudalisms yoke

Knew no church or king was going to do them any good

There was such financial crisis

The King had to take advice

To try and hopefully call the estates government

The Estates General had revoked

Nobles, Church and common folk

2 to 1 the Commons lose it always went

The commons in frustration said we represent the nation

The nobles and the church must lose their privileges

And the rich were scared for real when they stormed the Bastille

And rebellions also broke out in the villages

At the palace in Versailles the King and Queen were heard to sigh

When the National Assembly made a bill of rights

Then the women’s march embarrassed them and chased them into Paris

And the Church and Nobles lost their power over night

Arguments got hot whether to keep the king or not

Different groups saw different ways to run the country best

But when the royal family tried

To flee the country in disguise

They were busted and then put under house-arrest

All of Europe’s kings were terrified to hear these things

So France was threatened on all sides by enemies

And when these other kings declared

The King of France had to be spared

This made the king of France look worse to the revolutionaries

They had built a new machine

The quick and painless guillotine

They said it’s fairer than the King´s medieval torture rack

And they put it to a vote and they dropped it on his throat

And every king across the world just had a heart attack

They attacked from North and South and they attacked from East and West

Revolutionary France was in a desperate state

And when the radical Marat was killed politically now that was what it took for France’s outlook to degenerate

The new leader Robespierre said enemies were everywhere

And for a year the guillotine was working endlessly.

And though he freed the slaves its true

Robespierre’s head came off too

And then France was run by the more moderate directory

But the Directory was lame and France´s only good news came from their armies out in Europe winning more and more

And the man who made them win was General Napoleon

But when he came back home he made himself the Emperor

So it was a painful climb to get from Kings to modern times

But the French Revolution always paved the way

Because the ideas that sparked at first have never ever been reversed

It was the biggest change that shaped our Western world today